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¶11. Summary. The African Union (AU) notified its partners via note verbale June 22 that it had no objections to the partners providing all six personnel requested as advisors to the AMIS Joint Forward Headquarters in El Fasher. Furthermore, the AU had no objections to the partners' nominations for specific positions, including the United States' request to staff the information analysis (J2) and civil-military cooperation roles. End Summary.

¶12. The AU Commission formally requested six advisors to staff specific positions in the Joint Operations Center of AMIS in a May 18 note verbale to partners (forwarded by Post to AF/SPG and AF/SE) outlining the proposed structure of a Forward Joint Mission Headquarters, that would be headed by a newly created AMIS Deputy Head of Mission. In its note verbale, the AU explained that the JOC, an intelligence element, Force Generation and Campaign Plan Unit, and Civil-Military Cooperation Unit (CIMIC), were to be subordinate to a Joint Operations Staff and a Joint Logistics Staff to the headed by a Joint Chief of Staff. The Joint Chief of Staff, in turn, would report to the AMIS Deputy Head of Mission.

¶13. In response to this request, Addis-based partner representatives sent a note verbale June 13 to the AU proposing the following nominations: UN will provide the requested advisor to the officer in charge of plans (J5), as that will facilitate planning for the transition of AMIS to a UN peacekeeping operation; the USG will provide advisors for the officers in charge of information analysis (J2) and civil-military cooperation (J9); and the EU will provide an advisor for the officer in charge of operations (J3), as well as a military advisor and a police advisor for the Joint Chief of Staff.

¶14. On June 22, post received the following note verbale:

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The Commission of the African Union (AU) presents its complements to the Partners in Addis Ababa, and has the honour to acknowledge receipt of its note verbale dated 13 June 2006, regarding the Partners response to provide all the six personnel requested as advisors to the Joint Forward

Headquarters in El Fasher.

The Commission wishes to state that it has no objection to the nominations and looks forward to their early deployment to facilitate the actualisation of the Joint Forward Headquarters. The Commission would also like to inform the Partners that efforts are far advanced to recruit the Joint Chief of Staff and his Deputy to accelerate the implementation of the JTFHQ.

The Commission of the African Union avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Partners in Addis Ababa the assurances of its high consideration.

Addis Ababa, 22 June 2006

End text.
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